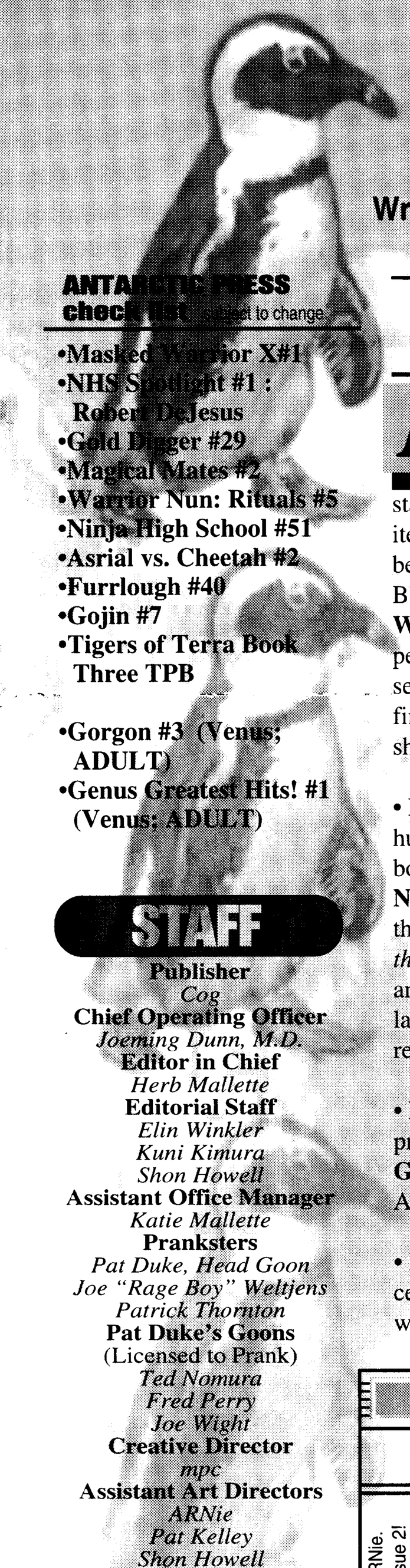
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THE FINE PRINT

by Pat Duke

No time for teary-eyed, nostalgic editorials lamenting the good old days of comics; no time to rage about the state of the industry —I've got too many news items and too much hype to share with you! It's been a while since I penned the mighty Antarctic Blast (due to my intensive coloring chores for **Warrior Nun Areala**) and I want to thank all the people who wrote in to tell me they missed my section. It's thanks to them I got off my duff and finally scrawled something! Now on with the show!

• **ITEM -** Our biggest **AP** apologies go out to the humble **David Hahn** and **Patrick Thornton**, who both turned in remarkable work on the **Warrior Nun** spin-off series **Serina**. It seems someone in the Production Dept. *forgot to put their names on the book!* Of course, **David Hahn** penciled, inked and wrote the story, and **Patrick Thornton** lavishly colored it. Rest assured, all the people responsible for the mistake have been killed.

• **ITEM - Sam de la Rosa**, the inker of the **Lillith** preview pages which appeared in **Warrior Nun Gallery**, was mis-credited as **Abraham Madison.** Abraham is inking the actual miniseries. Oops.

• **ITEM** - Our own **Joey "Rage Boy" Weltjens** celebrates his 24th birthday this April! In fact, when I asked him what he wanted for his B-Day he said, "Write the Antarctic Blast!" I guess this one's for him. Joey is currently coloring **Warrior Nun** and doing all the art chores on his little opus **D-Generation**. Check it out!

• **ITEM** - The **NHS collectable card** game is currently being beta-tested by 25 groups across the country! It features 177 cards and should be available this winter!

• **RUMOR** - The Antarctic Merchandising Machine has been fired up and they're talking TOYS! Is it possible we'll be seeing a **Warrior Nun** action figure line? Or a **Mighty Tiny** 1 to 1 scale stuffed toy? You didn't hear anything from me... nudge nudge, wink wink.

• **RUMOR** - A little penguin told me that due to this year's big anniversaries for **NHS, Tigers of Terra, Gold Digger,** and **Twilight X,** some of the long-time creators like mmm, **Ben Dunn, Ted Nomura, Fred Perry** and **Joe Wight** might be cobbling together a little something special. Sounds like a special anniversary issue to me! Stay tuned!

Well, that's all the room I have for this month!



AP Pro-Files

Trish Ippongi



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Bang Ippongi is an internationally known manga artist who created *Change Commander Goku, Amazing Strip,* and *F-3 Bandit* , and is the founder of her own manga studio, Studio Do-Do. She has also been able to squeeze in a career as a singer and actress in Japan.

Like her younger sister (AP editor Elin Winkler, also pictured) Bang also has the ability morph from her feline stature to a more human appearance, and it's rumored that she can change into a naive, innocent lady when she's feeling very shy. Unfortunately she's been on a mean streak for so long that nobody remembers what her timid alter-ego looks like or what her real name is! She's become very successful in her present forms so she probably won't be changing back any time soon!

Ippongi's very protective of her young single sibling, so watch out...one romantic slip-up on Elin and a bad hair day will be the least of your worries.

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WELCOME TO NEW YORK

Part 3

NEW YORK CITY DISTRICT COURTHOUSE 5, 3:00 AM

TOO LATE FOR LAWYERS BURNING THE MIDNIGHT OIL, TOO EARLY FOR THE FIRST SHIFT OF CLERKS

SECURITY IS LIGHT: THERE'S NOTHING TO STEAL, JUST SOME FURNITURE, OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, NOTHING WORTH GOING TO THE TROUBLE OF STEALING

COURT ROOM TW

THEN, OF COURSE, THERE ARE THE JUSTICE COMPUTERS

BUT NO ONE WOULD WANT TO STEAL A JUSTICE COMPUTER, WOULD THEY?

BUT THEN, THIS IS NEW YORK CITY....

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Who is there? This court does not convene until 9 A.M.

SHUT UP AND KEEP YOUR WIRES QUIET UNLESS YOU WANT TO BE POUNDED INTO WASTE METAL

Theft of government property carries a heavy penalty.....

I SAID BE QUIET

CREEAKK

If you cease your efforts I might be convinced to--

CLANG!

10 AM THE NEXT DAY

DON'T GET TOO COMFY NOW, I GOT A REAL DOOZY OF A CASE FOR YOU

DONT GO OUT OF YOUR WAY FOR ME!

I DON'T HAVE TO, THESE NUTSY CASES JUST GET DROPPED IN MY LAP

WOULD YOU BELIEVE SOME ASSHOLE STOLE THE JUSTICE COMPUTER OUT OF COURTHOUSE 5 LAST NIGHT?

THE JUSTICE COMPUTER?

SOMEONE STOLE A JUSTICE COMPUTER?!

WHAT KIND OF AN IDIOT WOULD WANT TO STEAL A JUSTICE COMPUTER??

THAT'S FOR YOU TO FIND OUT

I'M PUTTING YOU ON THIS CASE

G BIRD

THANKS LOADS....

WE FIGURE IT HAS TO BE SOME NUT WITH A GRUDGE AGAINST THIS PARTICULAR JUSTICE, PROBABLY AN EX-CON OR A RELATIVE OF ONE

HERE ARE THE RECORDS OF ALL THE CASES GOING BACK 6 MONTHS THAT'VE BEEN SEEN BY THIS JC

IF THAT DOESN'T PAN OUT THERE'S CASES GOING BACK 5 YEARS

=BLAH=

AND GET CRACKING ON IT NOW! I DONT WANT ANY OF YOUR STALLING ON THIS ONE

I DON'T STALL! BUT WHATS THE RUSH?

THIS JC WAS INVOLVED IN AN IMPORTANT TRIAL-- AN EXPENSIVE TRIAL--

IF WE DON'T GET IT BACK BEFORE THE WEEKLY 'SWEEP' ALL THE COURT RECORDS IN IT WILL BE LOST AND THEY'LL HAVE TO DECLARE A MISTRIAL

ALRIGHT-- I'M ON IT!

BUT THINGS WOULD GO MUCH QUICKER IF YOU'D LET ME HAVE AN ASSISTANT-- LIKE THAT FINE YOUNG OFFICER THEY JUST BROUGHT IN ON FLOOR 15--

SARGE! SARGE!

I GOT THE INFO YOU WANTED ON THAT HOMICIDE, AND IT AIN'T GOOD

SHIT! I KNEW THIS CASE WAS GONNA CAUSE TROUBLE!

WELL, LET'S HEAR IT!

YOU THINK HE SHOULD HEAR?

I MEAN--

NEVER MIND HIM!

SPIT IT OUT!

IS THIS ABOUT THAT HUMAN THAT WAS KILLED?

HIS NAME WAS FREDDY 'BUD' BUDINSKY, A REAL LOSER.

OUR PEOPLE IN THE F.H.R.* JUST GOT BACK TO ME ON HIM.....

I THOUGHT THE REPUBLIC HUMANS HANDLED THEIR OWN CASES

HE WAS KILLED IN MY DISTRICT AND I'M GONNA INVESTIGATE IT WHETHER THOSE SNOBBY PRICKS LIKE IT OR NOT!

GO ON!

HE WAS A WORKER IN THE CITY OF ICE

HE USETA BE A GUARD BUT HE GOT DEMOTED BECAUSE OF THEFTS

HE'D JUST GOTTEN BACK FROM HIS LATEST TOUR OF DUTY WHEN HE WAS KILLED

THIS ISN'T EXACTLY EARTH-SHATTERING, BUCKY

*THE FREE HUMAN REPUBLIC, ESTABLISHED BY TREATY IN PENNSYLVANIA AFTER THE GREAT WAR

BUT THAT AIN'T ALL, SARGE

THEY HAD HIM UNDER WATCH FOR SUSPECTED BLACKMARKET DEALINGS WITH THE CITY'S INMATES, AND, UH...

WHAT?! WHAT?!

THERE'S RUMORS... TALK IN THE F.H.R. GUARDHOUSES, THAT HE MIGHT'VE MANAGED TO SMUGGLE AN INMATE BACK TO EARTH, AND THEN WAS TURNED ON AND KILLED

THEY FOUND A BUNCH OF VALUABLE LOYALIST THINGS IN HIS QUARTERS, PROBABLY A BRIBE

DAMN! SHIT! FUCK!! WHY ME?! WHY ME?!

SOME CRAZY PSYCHO-KILLER FROM THE CITY LOOSE DOWN HERE!

JUST WHAT I NEED!!

UH.... THE CHIEF WANTED ME TO MENTION THAT WE'VE GOT AN-OTHER HOMICIDE .....

WHAT?!

SMALL CITIZEN, TORN TO PIECES AND PARTIALLY EATEN, FOUND OUTSIDE A CENTRAL PARK THIS MORNING

THE CHIEF THINKS ITS AN R.C.* KILLING, AND'S PUTTING PFIRSICH ON IT

ERRR....

*REGRESSED CARNIVORE

WHY DO THESE THINGS HAPPEN IN MY DISTRICT?! EVERYONE ELSE GETS WIFE BEATING AND BLUE JAY WALKING BUT I GET SOME NUT WHO STEALS A JUSTICE COMPUTER AND NOW I GOT A PSYCHO FROM THE CITY OF ICE RUNNING AROUND LOOSE AND SOME CARNIVORE WHO AINT HAPPY WITH SYNTHETIC MEAT AND WANTS THE REAL STUFF

WAIT UP!

IT'S SHIT LIKE THIS THAT MAKES ME WANT TO RUN OFF TO JAPAN AND BE A MONK! I DON'T KNOW WHY I PUT UP WITH IT I CAN'T TAKE THIS SHIT ANY MORE OUT IT!!

BUT THERE'S THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE UP THERE....

IT'S JUST TOO SILLY TO EVEN CONTEMPLATE...

ANNIOO

Jersey Cryme

FOXTROT

ling England
BY THE POUND

the lam

Wind & Wuthering

FRIDAY the 13th
CXXXIV

A Curious Feeling

THE NEXT DAY, GOLDEN $IRCLE DEPT. STORE, SEVERANCE CENTER MALL, JERSEY

GO

$11

HAVE A NICE DAY!

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GENESIS REPUBLICED!

HOLD ON— I'LL BE WITH YOU IN A MINUTE

CAN I HELP YO--

I THINK SO, CAROLINA

1:C
COUPON
TAX
2%
SUB TOTAL
TOTAL

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO?

JACK!!

JAA--

*

KLUNK

IT'S A SHAME THAT WITH ALL THESE SECURITY DEVICES THEY DON'T KEEP BETTER TRACK OF THEIR EMPLOYEES

=SCHNUCK=

JEEZE, WHAT A DAY!

DDLN inc.

Dalton Dalton Little NewPort

SECURITY

AND ITS ONLY TUESDAY

=YAWN=

THE CONFEDERATION NEVER SHOULD'A ENTERED THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL NET--

HOLD ON ONE MOMENT AND I'LL SEE--

THERE'S SOMEONE ON THE PHONE WHO WANTS TO TALK TO YOU—

SAYS IT'S URGENT

DAMN BUSINESS!

WHO IS IT?

WAYKE RAIL?

=SIGH=

YEAH? THIS IS SAMMY

THANK THE CREATORS I WAS ABLE TO REACH YOU!

YOU REMEMBER ME — CAROLINA PARAKEET'S HUSBAND?

YEAH — YOU SENT ME A PICTURE OF THE WEDDING

I'M GONNA MISS MY TRAIN...

YOU WANNA BUY SOME STOCKS?

NO NO, IT'S CAROLINA — — SHE'S MISSING

SHE NEVER CAME HOME FROM WORK

I HAVEN'T SEEN HER IN MONTHS

NO, I DIDN'T THINK SO...

I WAS HOPING YOU COULD CONTACT THE POLICE FOR ME

THE POLICE?

SHE DIDN'T COME HOME AFTER WORK, AND WHEN I CALLED THE STORE HER SUPERVISOR SAID SHE'D DISAPPEARED IN THE MIDDLE OF HER SHIFT WITHOUT A WORD TO ANYONE, AND NO ONE HAS SEEN HER SINCE

MAYBE SHE JUST GOT MAD AND QUIT

NO, I KNOW SHE WOULDN'T DO THAT

WE'RE..... EXPECTING A FAMILY, AND I KNOW SHE WOULDN'T RUN OFF WITHOUT TELLING ME

SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO HER, I'M SURE OF IT!

YOU'VE CALLED THE POLICE ALREADY?

THEY WON'T PUT OUT A MISSING PERSON UNTIL 48 HOURS, AND I'M SCARED BY THEN IT MIGHT BE TOO LATE!

YOU USED TO WORK THERE — COULDN'T YOU PLEASE CALL ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS AND SEE WHETHER THEY CAN ACT ANY SOONER?

WELL, I GUESS I COULD GIVE THE GAY BIRD A RING....

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! PLEASE CALL ME AND LET ME KNOW WHAT THEY SAID, I'M JUST SICK WITH WORRY! THE NUMBER'S 291-2657--

YEAH YEAH, I'LL CALL YOU BACK LATER TONIGHT

MISSED THE DAMN TRAIN FOR SURE!

GUESS I'LL HAVE TO TRY AND HOP THE SUBWAY INSTEAD

IF IT'S NOT ONE THING IT'S ANOTHER...

SOMETIMES I THINK I SHOULD'A STAYED A POLICE OFFICE FLUNKY

HEY!

BUMP

WATCH IT!

ERR---

HUH--?!

YOU YELL FOR HELP— ANYTHING— AND I'LL RIP YOUR THROAT OPEN, GOT IT?

:MURMPH=

HOW DID YOU GET BACK?

WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO KNOW?

NOW LISTEN CAREFULLY..

WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A NICE WALK TO A BANK MACHINE, WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A LARGE WITHDRAWAL -

OWW!!

STOP IT!

YOU TRY ANYTHING AND I'LL RIP YOUR JUGULAR AND LET THIS CRETIN BIRD EAT YOU

AND I'M NOT KIDDING!

WHAT DOES 'CRETIN' MEAN?

SAMMY-BOY, I THINK YOU ARE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE!

HE MUST'VE GRABBED CAROLINA PARAKEET TOO

MOM

I WONDER IF SHES STILL ALIVE?

WHAT DOES 'CRETIN' MEAN?

TELL ME!

I DON'T THINK I'LL GET TO MAKE THAT CALL TO THE GAY BIRD, EITHER

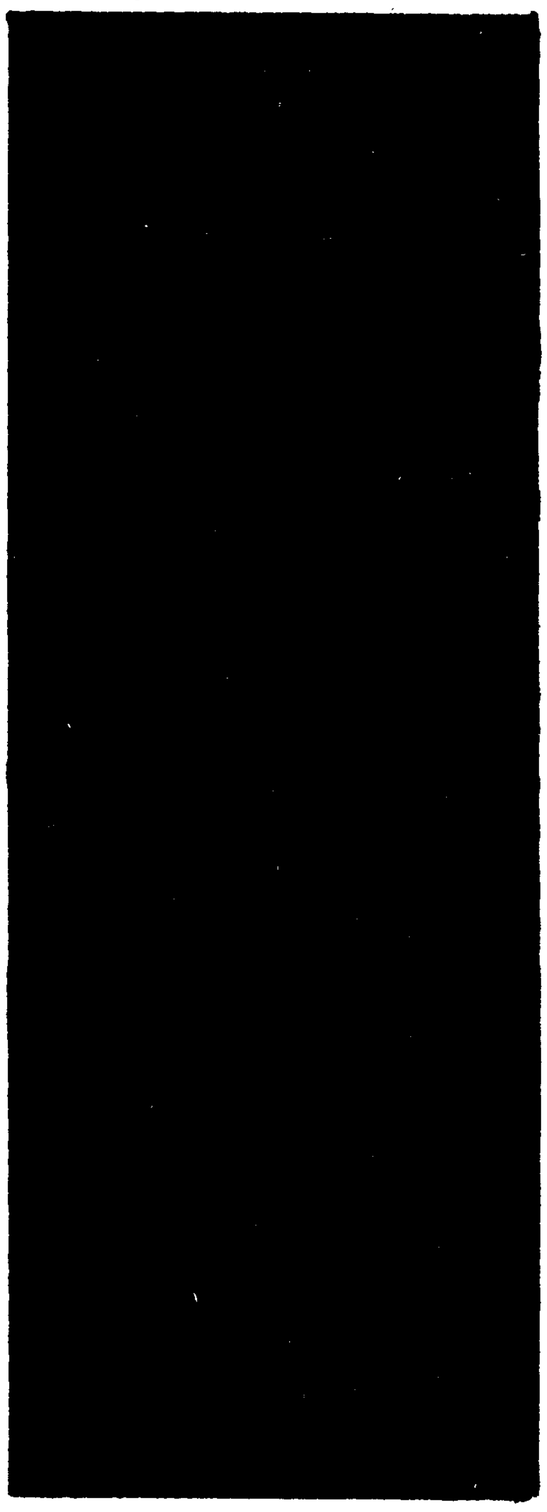
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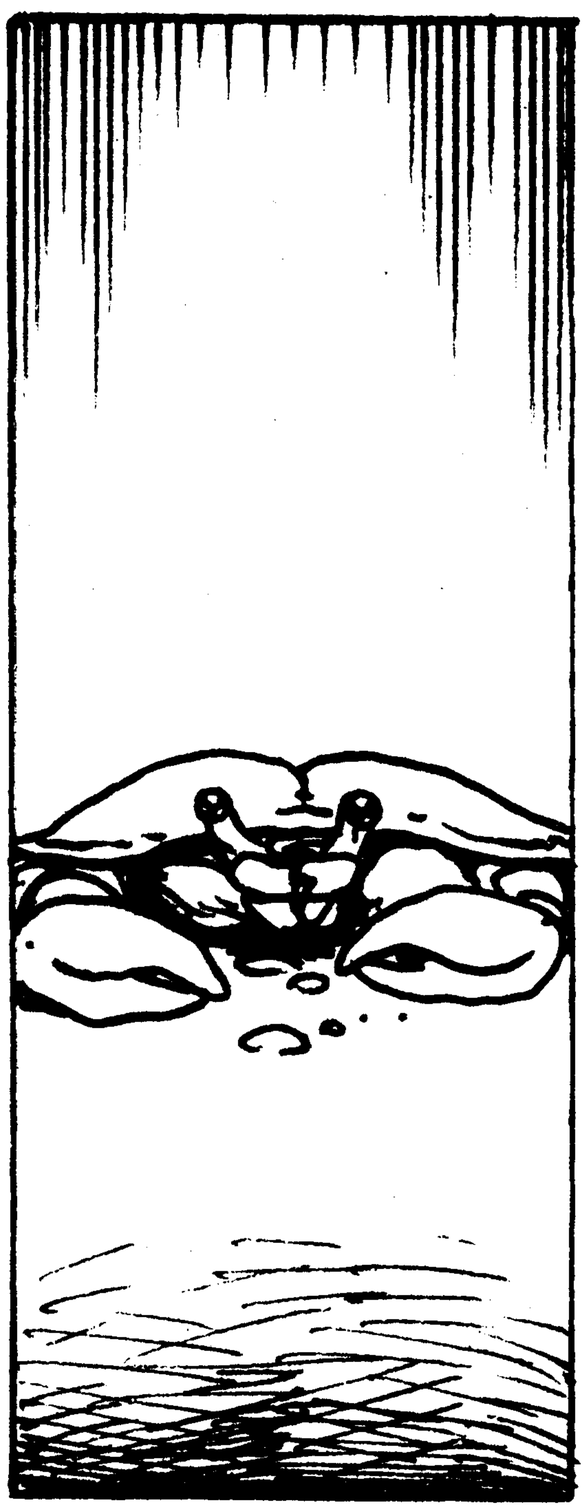
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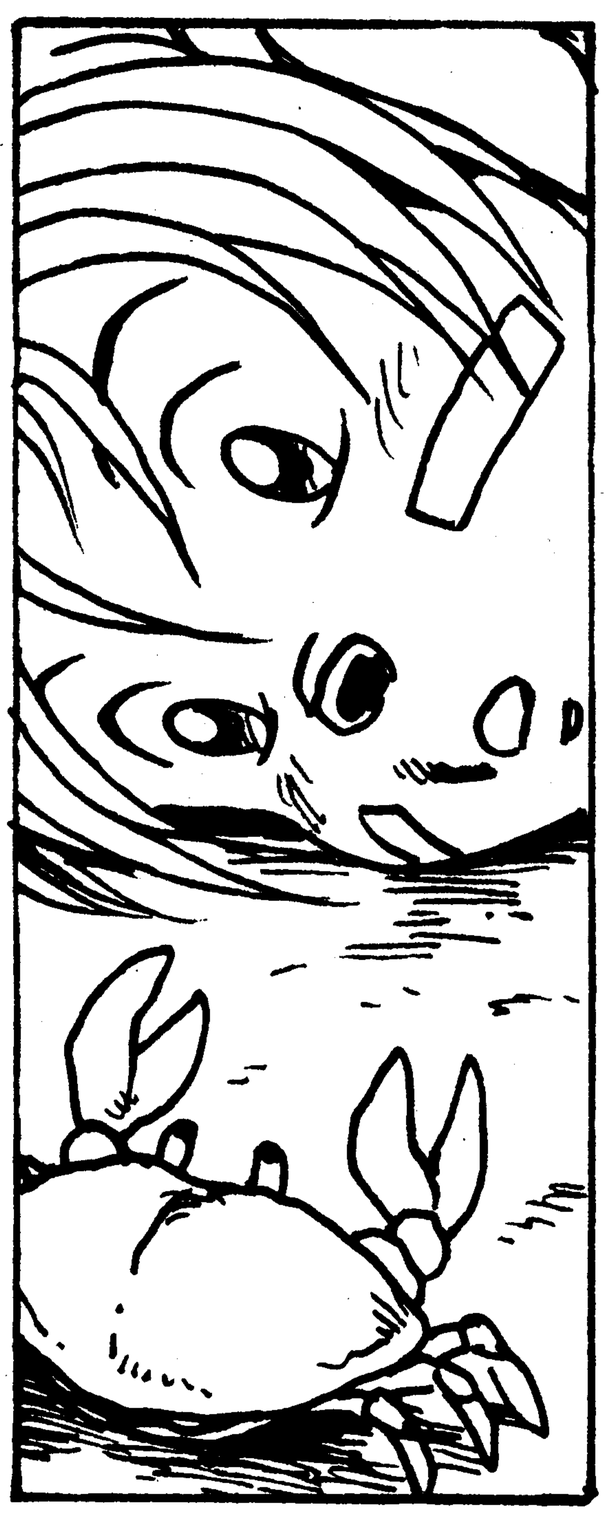
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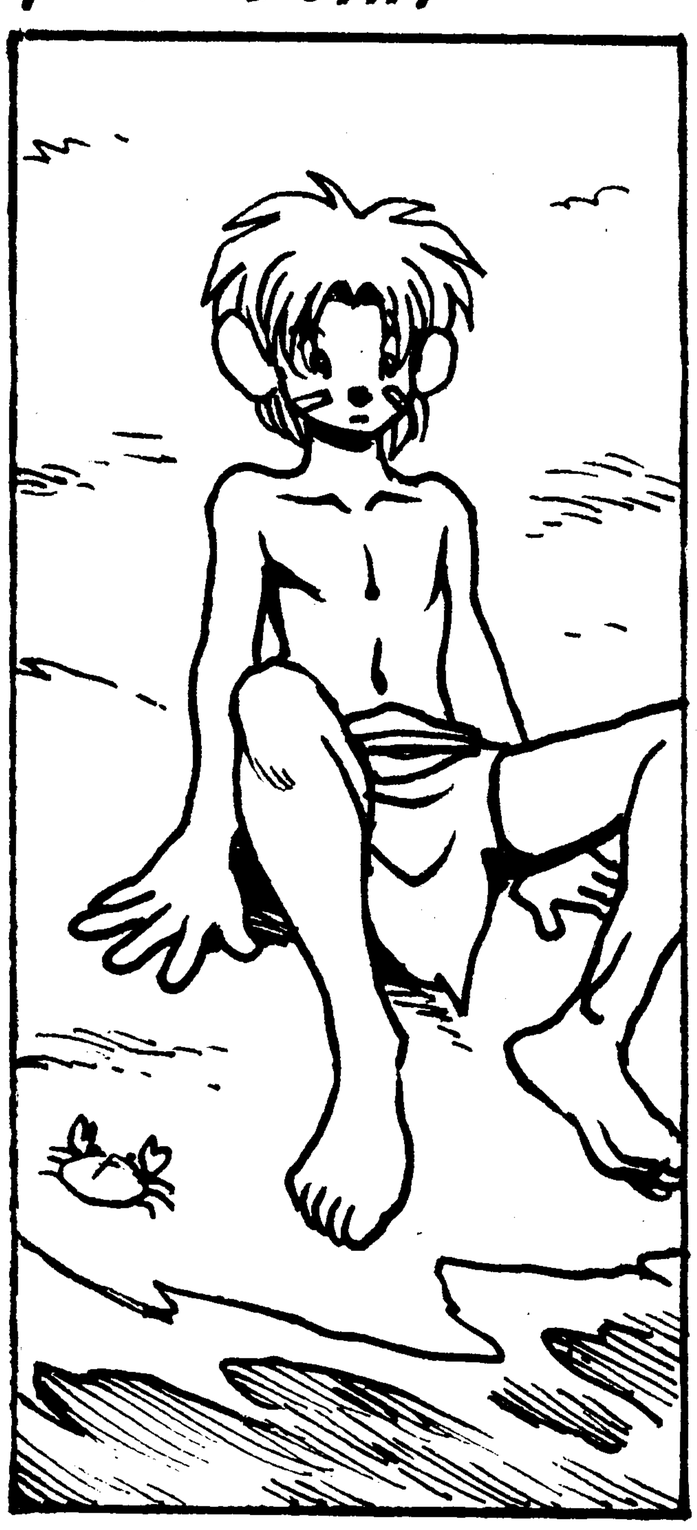
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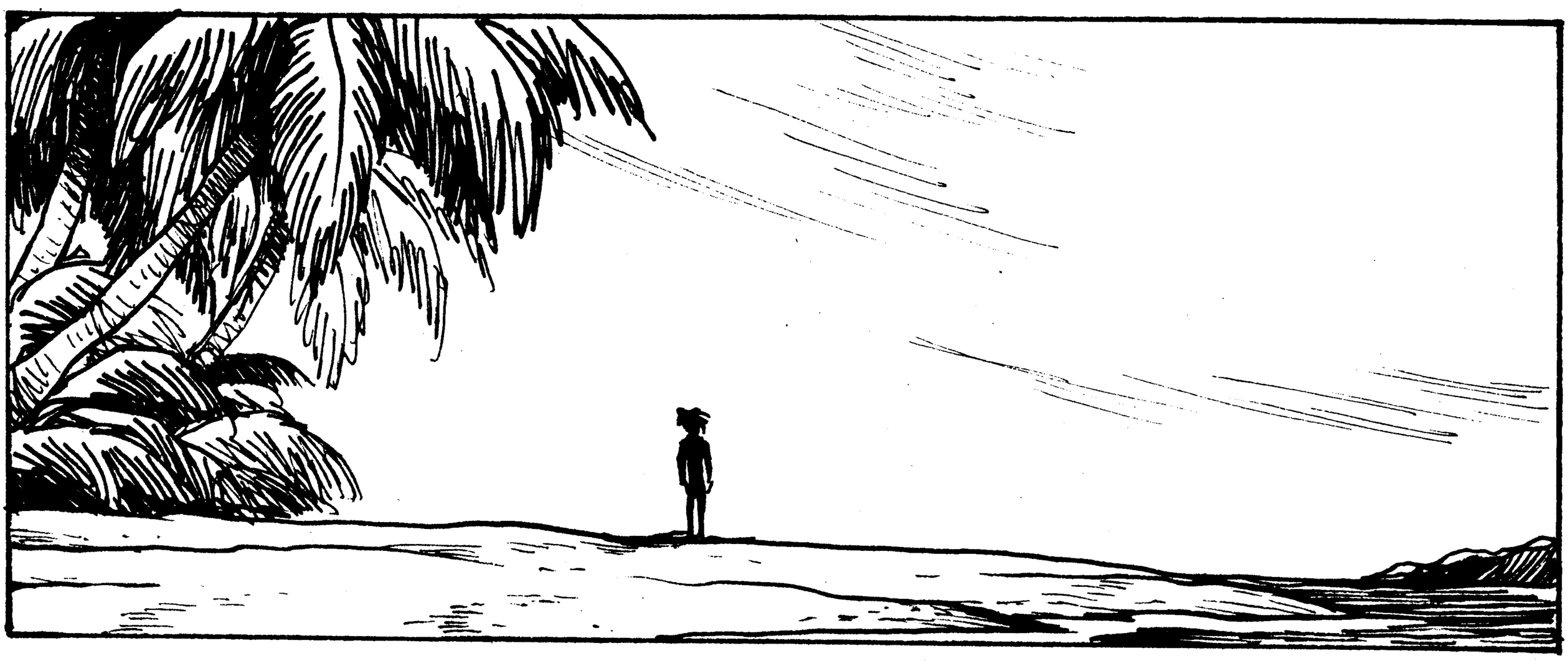
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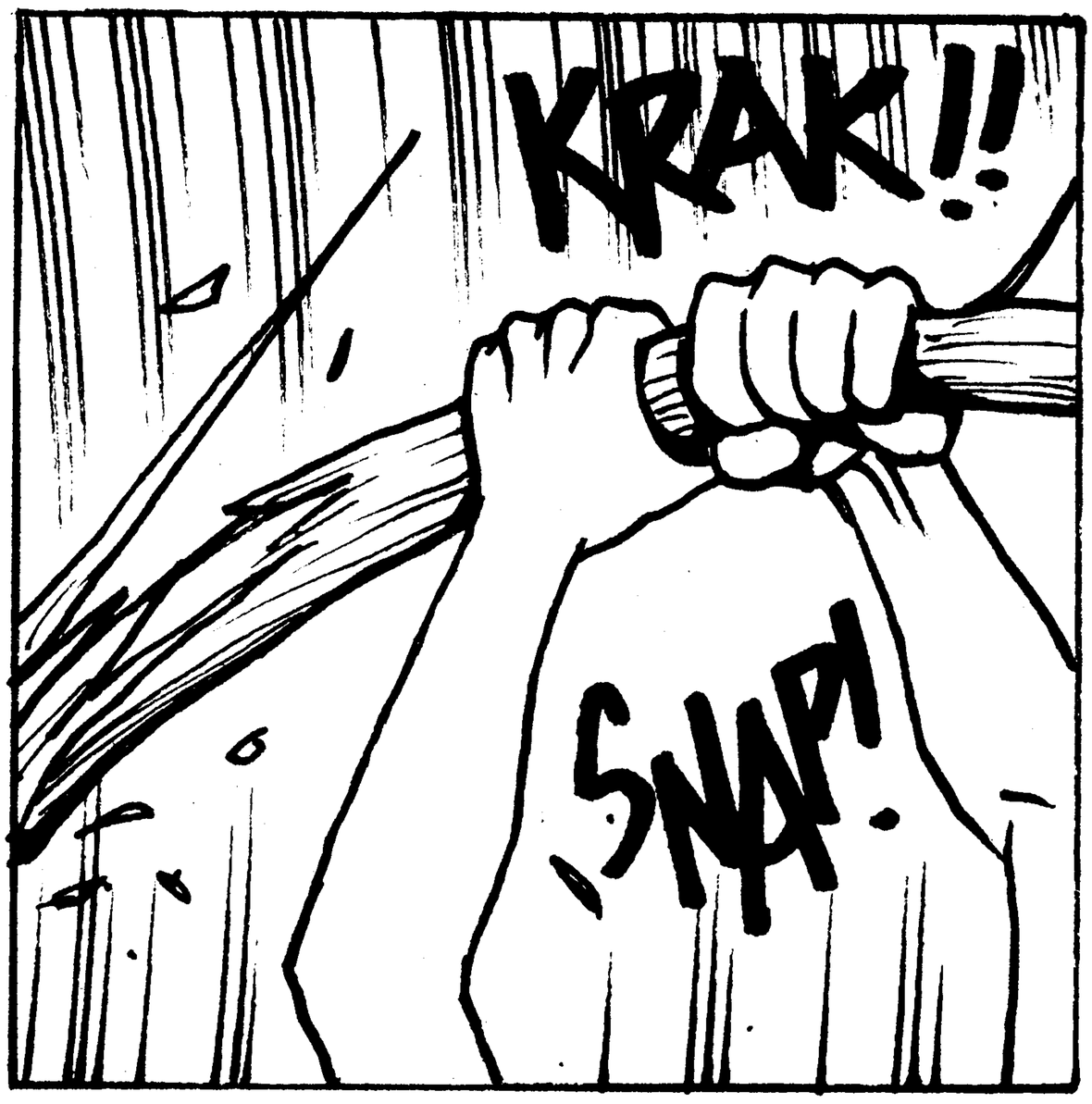














CHK!
CHK!
CHK!
CHK!
CHK!
CHK!
HA! NOW I'M READY FOR YOU HORNED ONE!

NOW TO FIND THE BLUE TAIL... BEFORE `HUNTER' DOES!

THERE SHE IS!

FLYING TO THAT... MOUNTAIN... DRAT!

FINALLY! NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS WAIT FOR HER TO LEAVE!

WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME!

RUSTLE. RUSTLE.

NOW IF I CAN JUST GRAB A FEATHER...

!?

HA! I GOT IT!

HUNTER! COME BACK WITH MY FEATHER!

HA! HA! HA!

GRAB!!

—TO BE CON'T...

I USED RYU'S "GIFT" TO PUT ***SCRATCH*** IN INTENSIVE CARE. I LATER HEARD A COUPLE OF DOMAIYOSHI SECURITY TYPES DIED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT. SOME SORT OF ***COMPUTER ERROR***.

WHAT WAS LEFT BOUGHT A BLACK-MARKET ***STEALTH SUIT*** AND SOME INTRUSION SOFTWARE THE CORPORATIONS WOULD RATHER YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT.

WHAT I WAS ABOUT TO DO WAS CRAZY, BUT I ***HAD*** TO STOP THIS...

...WHATEVER WAY I COULD.

DO YOU REALIZE HOW EASILY I COULD *CRUSH* YOUR SKULL?

DON'T TRY FOR THAT PISTOL YOU KEEP HANDY, RYU. YOU KNOW IT WOULDN'T HELP YOU ANYWAY.

YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO SUIT-KILLERS, PI.

I DON'T CARE ANY MORE, RYU, BUT I'M NOT HERE FOR THAT. NOT NOW, ANYHOW.

THIS IS JUST A *DEMONSTRATION* OF HOW I CAN GET TO YOU ANY TIME, ANYWHERE. AND I WILL, UNLESS IT STOPS. NOW.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, PI? UNLESS WHAT STOPS?

YOU *KNOW* WHAT I MEAN! THE THREATS, THE HARASSMENT. I'M NOT GOING BACK TO THE CORPORATION, RYU. NOT NOW, NOT EVER.

I DIDN'T DO IT, PI.

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU.

THINK ABOUT IT...

WHY WOULD I WANT SOMEONE WATCHING MY BACK TO BE CARRYING A GRUDGE? I WANT YOU BACK, PI, BUT IT HAS TO BE OF YOUR OWN FREE WILL.

I SUPPOSE YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME SERENDIP'S BEHIND THIS?

COULD BE. ISOLATE ME FROM ANY HELP. IF YOU TAKE ME OUT, SO MUCH THE BETTER.

THEN I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO'S BEEN FOOLED. YOUR OWN SECURITY PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED.

I'LL GET RIGHT ON IT. BUT NOW...

RYU...

WHAT IS IT, PI?

"THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE HERE."

THEY WERE *SAIBOGU.** I RECOGNIZED THEM FROM MY TIME AT DOMAIYOSHI.

THEY WERE PROBABLY OFFERED THEIR FREEDOM IF THEY OFFED RYU.

IF SOMEONE HAD MADE ME THAT OFFER, WOULD I ACCEPT?

WOULD I EVEN HESITATE?

*SAIBOGU: A CYBORG WHO HAS ENTERED A PERIOD OF SERVITUDE IN EXCHANGE FOR ENHANCEMENTS.

THE LINES ARE OUT.

WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE.

THERE'S A SECURITY STATION ON THIS LEVEL.

THERE'S MORE OF THEM...

I CAN'T FIGHT THEM ALL, RYU.

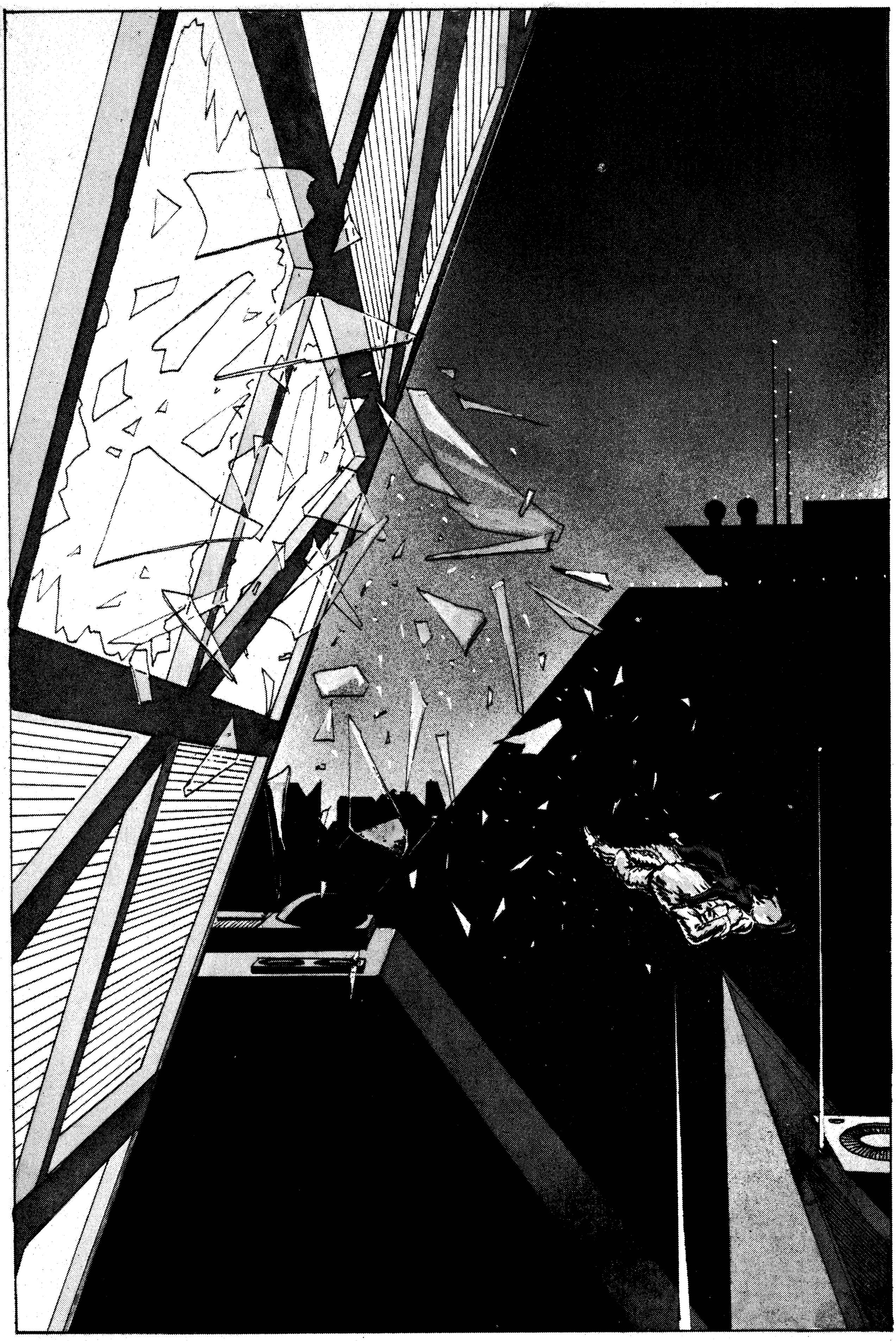
WHAT DO WE DO? THAT'S THE ONLY WAY OUT.

THERE IS ANOTHER WAY. IT'S RISKY, BUT YOUR CHANCES ARE BETTER THAN WITH THEM.

HOW MUCH BETTER?

YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW.

OH, SHII...



To Be Continued.

NOT TOO SIRIUS...

STORY AND ART BY SHON HOWELL

OH MY GOD, YOU DON'T S'POSE IT'S ABOUT ALL THOSE DEAD GUYS IN THE HANGAR BAY, DO YA ?

BOLERO, *FOR THE LAST TIME*, I DON'T KNOW *WHAT* HE WANTS! I DON'T SEE WHY YOU'RE SO HYPER ABOUT TALKING TO RONDO, EVEN THO HE HAS THE POWER OF LIFE AND DEATH OVER 23 BILLION PEOPLE, HE'S PRETTY MUCH A REGULAR JOE.

YEAH WELL, I MAY OWE HIM MY LIFE BUT HE STILL *CREEPS ME OUT!*

WELL, HOW BOUT THIS, YOU SAID YOU MIGHT BE LEAVING WHEN WE REACH CALLISTO. COULD BE NOTHING MORE THAN SAYING BYE.

.....

YEAH, BUT WHAT IF HE WANTS ME TO KILL SOMEONE OR SOMETHIN' LIKE THAT!

SO DO IT! JEEEZ, YOU ARE SUCH A CRYBABY!!!

AND SO....

AH, MISS BOLERO, HOW *VERY GOOD* TO SEE YOU. I MUST APOLOGISE FOR BEING SUCH A POOR HOST DURING YOUR LITTLE STAY WITH US.

UM... DO YOU RECALL *EXACTLY* WHAT YOU SAID WHEN WE RESCUED YOU?

.....

EH-HEH, IF YOU'D BE SO GOOD... YES.

OH, JEEPERS! EH-HEH... UM, I THINK IT WAS SOMETHING LIKE "I OWE YOU MY LIFE AND ALWAYS WILL. I'D SUCK THE MAGGOTS FROM A MUMMY FOR YOU. DO YOU WANT ANYONE KILLED" ,SOMETHING LIKE THAT... HEH!

AH, I HAD THOUGHT SO, BUT I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE.

AND YOU KNOW, I MAY JUST PREVAIL UPON YOU FOR A SMALL FAVOR BEFORE WE SAY BYE. I GET SO BUSY CONTROLLING COUNTLESS PEOPLE'S DESTINIES, I LET THE LITTLE CHORES SLIP BY.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE "EPIC ORB"?

THE "EPIC ORB"?! LET'S SEE NOW... A METALLIC SPHERE, ABOUT 23 CM IN DIAMETER, DIVIDED INTO 20 PIECES. COVERED WITH SOME SORT OF ORNATE SCRIPT HAVING SOMETHING TO DO WITH WHERE ALL THE HUMANS WENT...

I'M ACTUALLY KINDA SURPRISED YOU WOULD TAKE SOMETHING LIKE THAT SERIOUSLY... I MEAN ,NO DISRESPECT MEANT, BUT I'D ALWAYS HEARD IT WAS SOME KIND OF MYTH'N ALL... UM,YEAH.

OH, WELL NOW, I DON'T KNOW IF I TAKE IT SERIOUSLY. LET'S JUST SAY THAT IT'S A BIT OF A HOBBY FOR ME, DONTCHA KNOW....

AS A MATTER OF FACT, KEEP ME UP TO DATE ON ANY INFORMATION YOU MIGHT COME ACROSS IN YOU WANDERINGS. I PAY HANDSOMELY FOR MY LEISURE... HEH-HEH!

BUT TO THE MATTER AT HAND... A *VERY* GOOD FRIEND OF MINE HAS SECURED SEVERAL HOLOCOPIES OF TWO OF THE PIECES, WHICH WOULD GIVE ME HOURS OF... *LEISURE.*

I'M SURE I CAN PREVAIL UPON YOU TO TAKE A STUB-SHUTTLE TO MARS AND PICK THESE UP FOR ME, CAN'T I...?

OH GOD, I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS! ALL THE WAY TO MARS (WHICH, BY THE WAY, IS STILL CONSIDERED A WAR ZONE) JUST FOR A STUPID HOBBY...

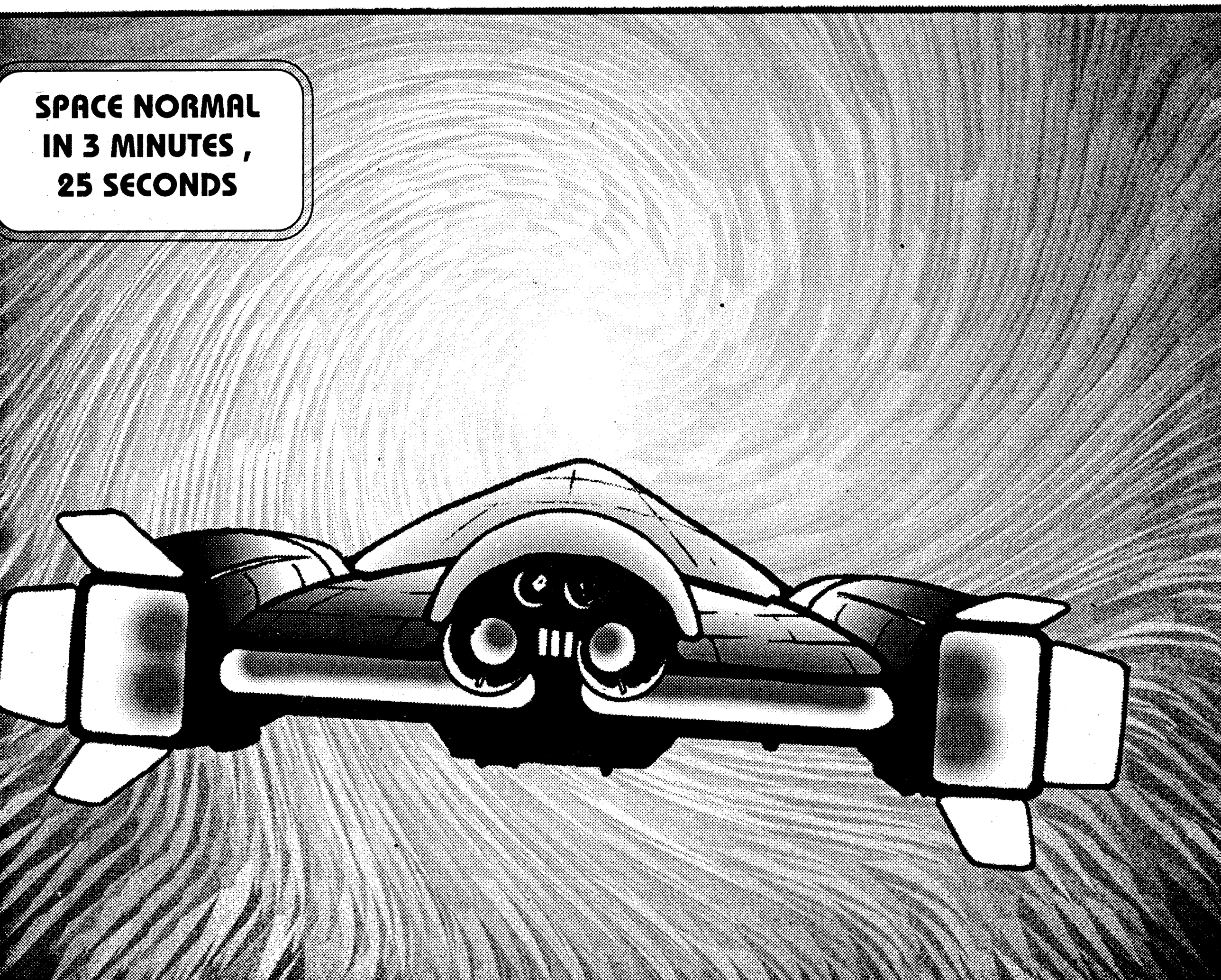
SHHUNK!!



BUT WHO AM I SUPPOSED TO BLAME?! IF I HADN'T BEEN TRYING TO KILL BLEVINS, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN STRANDED ON *10*. IT JUST SEEMS THAT MY LIFE IS A CONSTANT SERIES OF ADVENTURES OR TRAGEDIES.

MAYBE IT'S TIME TO SETTLE DOWN. MAYBE I SOULD AT THE VERY LEAST TRY AND STAY OUTTA TROUBLE...AH WELL, AT LEAST BLEVINS IS DEAD (EVEN IF I DIDN'T GET TO DO IT!).....SIGH...!

SPACE NORMAL IN 3 MINUTES, 25 SECONDS



I'M 23 YEARS OLD... I THINK I'M ABOUT READY TO START A QUIET, NORMAL LIFE.

ASSUMING, OF COURSE, I LIVE THROUGH THE NEXT 11 HOURS....

TO BE CONTINUED...



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Egad, Elin, what sharp claws you have!

It's been a while since I wrote, again. I went to the New Jersey furry con in October, worked the census, and Diamond didn't ship #34 locally, so I had to wait until mid-December for a reorder, that's why. I see letters mentioning **Wild Life**. What do we want? **Wild Life**! When do we want it? Now! Okay, people, let's send those checks to Antarctic to cover the cost of a new issue. Hey, guys, where you all going? Oh, well, it was worth a shot. Thanks for changing the letters page title!

Before I forget, I have to say– **Tales of the Fehnnik**– more please! It was funny, well-drawn, interesting and left me wanting more. What else is there? I guess Shayzorr would say s'more 'splosions.

#33 had a nice cover. "Bronze Fur" is getting really interesting, but the splash/big-fight-scene page needed work. "Here Comes a Candle" is finishing up with a bag, eh? Of course the turtle is dead– he said so himself.

#34: "HCaC"– need I say more? Scott Ruggels' story was interesting, even to one not into war re-creations. "Stellar Babe" seemed rushed. "Risuko" was okay, but a note referring back 25 issues– geez!

#35: Congrats on your fourth anniversary! A five star issue, not a mediocre story in the bunch. "HCaC"'s conclusion was very nice. (More please.) "Bronze Fur"– I didn't see this ending coming. (A good story overall.) "Watering Hole"– yeah! I really like this story now, more so than before. "Puppet Warriors" caught my attention. "Jeckyll and Hyde" is unfortunately all too real. I liked "Furwell to Arms". It was funny and had a real World War I feel to it.

And finally, #36. "Escape to New York" has its obvious predecessor in the movie, but again, another interesting story. "Furwell to Arms" part 2 was fun. It looks like Toad's in trouble again. "Ultimate Weapon"? That Bill Fitts sure is silly, huh? Hey, Buster says don't worry, be hoppy first. "Stosstrupp" was interesting too. A good issue. In fact, **Furrlough**'s been pretty consistent in quality lately. Keep it up! (But where's **Wild Life**? Sigh...)

Narfly,
Rick Causey,
Mesa, AZ

Dear Elin:

As I write this, I am trying to find issue #36. I am sad to see the end of "Here Comes a Candle" in issue #35. The worst part about this coming to an end is that many readers will drop this book. I will stick with the book until the end. You have earned my loyalty. I'm glad the book is celebrating its fourth anniversary and hope it's around for many more. On to my complaints. I don't think "Jeckyll and Hyde" should have been in here. This, I'm sorry to say, is not the right format for this story. My only other complaint is the changing of the inking style in "Watering Hole". I was enjoying the story, but the inking change bugged the hell out of me. I loved everything else. This is what keeps bringing me back. Time to cut it short.

Until next time,
John Wyble, Jr.,
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Only one minor change in the Top Ten List this time– Lewis and Brooks' "The Adventure" has pushed its way back onto the list. Send in those votes! Remember, your votes are what determine this list, and you can vote as many times as you like! Ballot stuffing is encouraged, since this is basically a popularity contest!

1) HERE COMES A CANDLE by Mary Hanson-Roberts
2) WATERING HOLE by Pat Kelley
3) STOSSTRUPP by Ted Sheppard
4) ZAIBATSU TEARS by Richard Bartrop
5) BRONZE FUR by Mark Shaw
6) ROMANICS by Joe Rosales
7) UNDER REALM by Fred Perry
8) STINZ: BAD MEMORIES by Donna Barr
9) TARGET PRACTICE by Bill Fitts & Dan Seneres
10) THE ADVENTURE by Mary Ann Lewis & Scott Brooks

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